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REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Advisory Action mailed June 14, 2006 stated that **claims 1, 4-7, 9-17, 33, and 34** are allowed

Claims 18, 19, 21-25, and 35 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Thus, allowed **claims 1, 4-7, 9-17, 33, and 34** are all of the claims presently pending in the application.

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it does not raise any new issues requiring further search by the Examiner, narrows the issues on appeal, and places the present application in condition for immediate allowance by canceling the rejected claims.

Applicants' representative also would like to thank Examiner Hutton for courtesies extended in the telephonic interview conducted on June 29, 2006. Applicants submit this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the interview, the outstanding objections to the specification were discussed.

Applicants agreed to amend the specification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions which are set forth in the Advisory Action, thereby obviating these objections.

Thus, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw these objections to the specification. The Examiner kindly stated that he would contact Applicant at the telephone number listed below, should any further amendments to the specification be necessary.

It is noted that the rejected claims are canceled above only for expediting the issuance of the allowed claims, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that allowed claims 1, 4-7, 9-17, 33, and 34, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: June 30, 2006

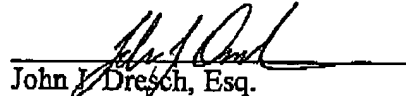

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I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (571) 273-8300 the enclosed Second Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Statement of Substance of Interview to Examiner William D. Hutton, Jr., Art Unit 2176, on June 30, 2006.


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